



## May 2023 Newsletter

# Bethany Lutheran Church



### Bethany Lutheran Church

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### Sunday Morning Worship Time

9:30 Worship  
10:30 Coffee Hour



...For God is love (1 John 4:8)

In both Confirmation and also in the Women's Bible Study the Ten Commandments have been studied. The Small Catechism gives extended viewpoints (as Jesus did) about what the commandments are. The Large Catechism (about 100 pages) expands even further. It is a good book to read at some point (highly recommend). The Ten Commandments puts ground under our feet and gives us ways to live in community with each other. It would be lovely if everyone adhered to them, but the reality is that we all fall short of them (Romans 3:23), as people have done since the fruit was taken from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. People have struggled to keep the commandments long before Jesus entered the picture.

Jesus, however, upped the bar as far as the commandments are concerned. When asked which was the greatest commandment, "He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40). In other words: Love God, Love Others.

It sounds so simple the way Jesus put it, but we still fall short. Love goes such a long way. It opens the doors for so many things. Start with telling Jesus that you love him and why (give thanks for all the beauty and wonders) and then throw some love into the world. Start pouring love into those that have been placed in front of you and then move out toward the world. Let us be the love that shines forth in this rainy world.

Blessings,

Pastor Susan

## SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES MAY 2023

MAY 7, 2023

### **Sunday Service**

#### **Communion/ER/Small Seeds & Sprouts**

**Greeter:** Ruth Sieler  
**Ushers:** Small Seeds & Sprouts/Chris Engebo  
**Reader:** Small Seeds & Sprouts  
**Communion Asst.:** Jonah Pelster  
**Communion Setup:** Ardyth Loewen  
**PowerPoint:** Rick Loewen  
**Financial Sec.:** Susan Shiu  
**Coffee Hour:** Foslien/Limpach

MAY 14, 2023 **Sunday Service**

### **Communion**

**Greeter:** Ruth Sieler  
**Ushers:** Pam van den Driessche/Bill Zimmerman  
**Reader:** Bill Zimmerman  
**Communion Asst.:** Karen Langworthy  
**Communion Setup:** Dorothy Blair  
**PowerPoint:** Don Wallin  
**Financial Sec.:** Pam van den Driessche  
**Coffee Hour:** Mother's Day Potluck

MAY 21, 2023

### **Sunday Service**

#### **Communion**

**Greeter:** DiAnn Foslien  
**Ushers:** Dave Foslien/Lee Limpach  
**Reader:** Lee Limpach  
**Communion Asst.:** Barb Wilson  
**Communion Setup:** Carol Thompson  
**PowerPoint:** Carol Thompson  
**Financial Sec.:** Susan Shiu  
**Coffee Hour:** Engebo/Newton/Sieler

MAY 28, 2023

### **Sunday Service**

#### **Communion**

**Greeter:** Ruth Sieler  
**Ushers:** Bob & Pat Reistroffer  
**Reader:** Pat Reistroffer  
**Communion Asst.:** Karen Langworthy  
**Communion Setup:** Pat Reistroffer  
**PowerPoint:** Don Wallin  
**Financial Sec.:** Pam van den Driessche  
**Coffee Hour:** van den Driessche/Gosch

**\*\*Please find a substitute if you can't volunteer for that Sunday.\*\***

## Bethany's Corner



Shelly Limpach is our prayer chain contact. You may contact her with your prayer concerns through email at [BethanyPrayer247@gmail.com](mailto:BethanyPrayer247@gmail.com). If you have an urgent prayer request, please call

### Continued Prayers & Healing

Takko family   Custer family   Gilchrist family  
Thibodeau family   Dana Hughes   Krista Croy  
Kim Isakson   Barb Clausen   Sarah Hancock  
Barbara Price   Gail Obermeyer   Barbara Utto



### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

07 Gil & Audrey Schauer	25 David & DiAnn Foslien
12 Dave & Nancy Skora	28 Tim & Tori Gosch
24 Larry & Evelyn Jackson	31 Randy & Beth Grambo

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

04 Norma Oyloe	25 Gunars Arnits
12 Kenadie Rahn	29 Tim Gosch
14 Kelly Engebo	

### WATER, WATER Needed!

During May testing our schools accept bottled water for students to drink during their testing time as they cannot leave their seats during any timed session. If you would like to bring in a case of bottled water to the Fellowship Hall by May 8, the Service and Youth Committee will get it delivered to Columbia Heights and Lexington elementary schools. Thank you!

# FYI

## Planning Your Summer Trips?



Save the dates of June 26-29<sup>th</sup> for Bethany's Vacation Bible School. Invite your children, grandchildren, and neighbors. We will have fun!

It's time to start meeting for VBS. We need lots of volunteers for our Happy Camping theme. See Pat or Bob R., or Pastor Susan. Our next planning meetings is May 11th at 4:00pm.

## Ministry of the Month: Memorial Committee

Our small but mighty memorial committee takes care of providing memorials in our church based upon the donations received. For example, our beautiful hanging baskets at the entrance and the lower parking lot location for outdoor worship that will soon include a Japanese maple tree were provided by Roger Lee in memory of his wife. At other times the committee provides undesignated memorial funds to support church projects on a need basis. The committee is asked to send a thank you notice to the donor when the financial secretaries inform them of donations.

We so appreciate their efforts!

## Recycling Welcome!



The council has approved the Lions to install a recycling bin (near our other recycling containers) for collection of paper. The Lions get money for this project (as well as help save the planet!) and can use this money for their many charitable projects. Please be respectful in the items you put in the bin: **Mixed paper, corrugated containers, old magazines, over-use mail, inserts, paperback books, brown grocery bags, dyed paper, phone books, & copy paper. (Shredding can be included it is only paper.)**

## Pastoral Office Hours

Pastor Susan is available most Thursdays for any drop-in concerns from 11:00-1:00. If you ever need anything, please let Pastor Susan know. She is happy to come for a visit, break bread together over lunch/coffee, or meet at Bethany.

# FYI

## Doce de Mayo



Join us Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for a celebration! There will be traditional Mexican food, along with a few surprises. Tickets include 2 Mexican Beers or a non-alcoholic beverage, and your choice of entrée plus a dessert. Tickets will go on sale soon; prices are \$17.00. This is a Hospitality fundraiser, please ask a member of Hospitality if you have questions. See you there! Bring a friend!

## Online Worship

Sundays at 9:30am, Streaming on Facebook, and Zoom. Uploaded to YouTube the following Tuesday.

### **Zoom – Video & Phone**

Using Zoom, you can login to worship with us via your computer, phone, or even by calling in to listen. Join the call as early as 15 minutes prior to our worship start time for fellowship with your Bethany Family.

Join Zoom Meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/6153119848>

Or to call in:

+1 253 215 8782 US

Meeting ID: 615 311 9848



## PLANTS FOR EARTH DAY & MOTHER'S DAY

We had 26 Columbia Heights first and second graders participate in our Earth Day celebration on Tuesday May 8 (and one mom interested in our children's Small Seeds!) The children decorated a pot, planted a marigold, and made a card for someone to give the plant to. We closed our event with an earth day story. Thanks to Bob and Pat Reistroffer, Barb Clausen, and Pastor Susan Dollinger for working with the children & meeting the parents.

For Mother's Day we will be doing the same event for Lexington Elementary at the school on Wednesday, May 3 at 2:00 under the covered area. Come join us for a fun chance to work with younger children! It's refreshing!

## **Emergency Fund ~ FIRST SUNDAY**

### **Emergency Fund -**

#### **April Emergency Fund:**

Thank you, Bethany, for your generous second-mile giving. Total collected was \$154.00. After the 20% was added to the Pastor Discretionary Fund, a check for \$123.20 will be mailed to the Emergency Support Shelter.

#### **May Emergency Fund: Habitat for Humanity**

This is a wonderful organization with a location in our community that builds healthy, affordable homes for families in need. The families participate in building or improving a home they can call their own, and it not only gives the family a better life but also improves our community. We will be sending this portion of the donation to our local Cowlitz County location. Please just put "Emergency Fund" in your check memo, and we will include your second-mile offering in our donation. (Note: We give a small portion to the pastor's designated fund as well as this month's charity.)

Also, if you have used materials from any remodeling or tools to donate, their store in Kelso accepts such donations. For donations, they are located at 1321 South 13th Kelso or for curbside pick-up call 360-636-6765.

**May-Habitat for Humanity or Cowlitz County Chaplaincy**

**June-Family Promise**

**July-Bread for the World**

**August- ELCA World Hunger**

### **Mother's Day at Bethany**

Mothers day please bring a family dish that is new to our pot luck. PLEASE BRING SOME ONE SPECIAL TO share service with and lunch..We really want to decorate our fellowship table the month of May with picture's that are framed of that special Lady or 2,3 in your life. With your pot luck Dishes bring a few recipes of it. We will put them on the tables as well and everyone who would like can take one home. Please bring you picture's and put them on the round table by the kitchen door. Start bringng them soon..

## **Growing in Faith & Knowledge**

### **Women's Bible Study**

May study dates will be each Tuesday at 10:30 am. We meet in the Faith Room and on zoom. We gather for prayers, cares, concerns, challenges, and celebration.

May Study devotional called Love in Action

- May 2, 9 and 16 in the Faith Room and on zoom
- May 23 Women of Bethany Fellowship and prayer time Faith Room and zoom
- May 30 Fish distribution and prayer time in Faith Room and on The study can be accessed on the web-site. [www.gather.org](http://www.gather.org).

Contact Kathy Newton to be on the email list.

### **Next Bible Study: Book of Ruth:**

The next Bible study will be on the book of Ruth (June 2/4 and June 9/11). Ruth is a fantastic little book in the Bible that will help you understand some of the concepts of the Old Testament much better. A physical Bible (not kindle) is preferred. Invite a friend! Fridays will be online-only, and Sundays in person-only.

### **Small Seeds and Sprouts**

Small Seeds and Sprouts will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 1-3pm at Bethany. This is a fun-filled time of learning for our children and youth at Bethany. This is a great opportunity to invite other children, and bring grandchildren to our program. Confirmation material will be incorporated this year. Please pray for the youth as they enter into a new phase in their faith education. This month the meeting will be on Saturday, May 6th, 2023. with Small Seeds & Sprouts Sunday, May 7th, 2023.





## Upcoming May Events....

May 5th & 6th Synod Assembly  
May 6th—Small Seeds and Sprouts 1-3pm  
May 7th—Small Seeds & Sprouts Sunday  
May 11 at 4pm—VBS Meeting (Happy Campers)  
May 28—Pentecost Wear Red!  
May 30th—FISH Distribution



## Columbia Heights Box Tops

We are collecting Box Tops with this logo. If you would put your clipped tops in the box decorated with pansies on a table in the narthex by the Faith Room, it would be appreciated. The school PTO "buys" wonderful items for the school with these items, your participation is appreciated.



## Rummage Sale



The rummage sale will be held on June 9th & 10th. Now is the time to be gathering your items. Please hold on to your donations as long as possible before bringing them to the church. If you need to bring them earlier rather than waiting, please contact Barb Wilson or Carol Lane to see where to store them. The rummage sale has been our biggest fundraiser in the past, so we are hoping for a good one once again. Questions? Ask Barb Wilson or Carol Lane.

## Longview Grocery Outlet Share Program

Did you know Longview Grocery Outlet donates 5% of your purchase to Bethany Lutheran? I was reminded last week when I went to pick up the check. And it's so easy too! We have cards that you would hand to the cashier prior to your items being rung up. They will scan the card and give it back to you and give Bethany 5% of your purchase amount. If you don't have a card, call the church office and we will mail one to you. Forgot your card? You can just let them know you would like to support Bethany Lutheran Church and they can type in the code. Please call the office if you have any questions.

## Quarterly Meeting Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Quarterly Meeting. We discussed plans for VBS, Doce de Mayo, Mother's Day Potluck, and Father's Day Pancake Breakfast.

- We planned our annual spring cleaning event for Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 until Noon.
- Our next FISH date is May 30<sup>th</sup> with Setup on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Also discussed was the need for a volunteer Funeral Coordinator. A liaison between the family and the church office. Joyce, Karen L and Kathy N will work with pastor as part of a Funeral Committee.
- July 23rd was set for our annual church picnic and outdoor service.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be held July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!



## FATHER'S DAY PAPER DRIVE

Our church does a lot of entertaining. What can we say, we're a fun bunch of people! We have weekly coffee hour, and now that pandemic restrictions are over, many fun events. As we do this, we use a lot of paper products. Paper towels, napkins, cups, and heavy duty paper plates. To help us restock and have plenty of products on hand for future events, we are asking for donations from you. There is a box in the Narthex. From now until Father's Day, please consider bringing donations. Your help and support is always appreciated.

## FISH

Our next FISH distribution date is Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am with setup on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. We need donations of dish soap, mac'n cheese, all flavors of top ramen, spaghetti sauce, rice, flour, sugar, jams & jellies, bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and laundry soap.

Thank you for willingness to donate.



# Spring Cleaning

## SPRING CLEAN-UP AT BETHANY

Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> - 9am until noon

In the Spring there is always so much to do!

There is too much for Duct Tape alone.

Please come and help make our church shine!

### Inside

Window washing

Cobwebs

Wash light fixtures

Polish woodwork

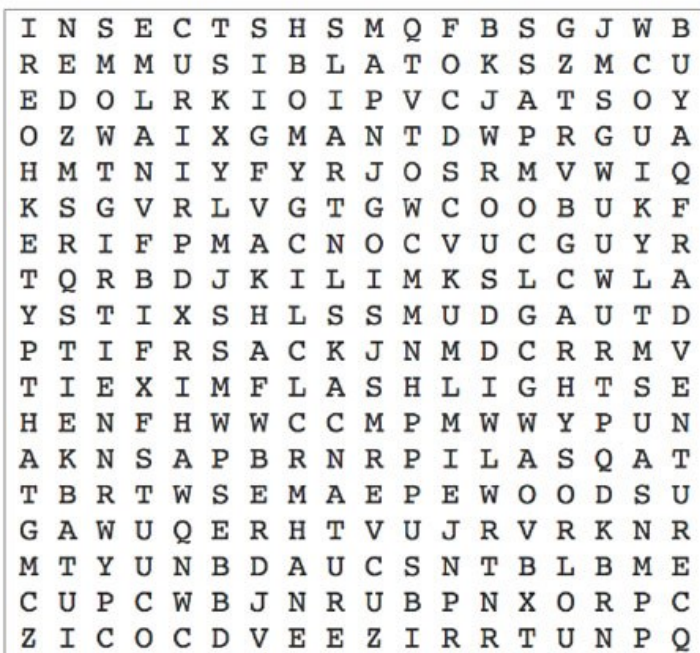
### Outside (Might need rain gear)

Window Washing

Gardening

Trimming

## Happy Camper Word Search



ADVENTURE  
BINOCULARS  
CAMPER  
CAMPFIRE  
COMPASS  
FISHING  
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SUMMER  
SUNSCREEN  
SWIMMING  
TENT  
TRAILS  
WOODS



## Serving with Bethany

Throughout our newsletter you can see upcoming events and opportunities for service, fellowship, worship, and more. As we continue to grow, we recognize how important it is to invite others into service with us.

We are also always looking for new ways to serve our Lord and our neighbor together, if God has put a project on your heart, fill out an event proposal!

Many of the upcoming events and opportunities you can read about are still in need of volunteers for planning, and for the day of the events! We invite you to pray about the ways God might use you to serve our Lord and serve our neighbor together!

### Upcoming Service Opportunities:

- FISH Food Pantry Distribution  
Contact Pam Van den Driessche
- Duct Tape Maintenance Volunteering (Thursdays 9am-12pm)  
Contact Rick Loewen or Dave Foslien
- Office Help Volunteering (Thursday Mornings)  
Contact Kim Moran
- Caring Ministries (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits)
- Church Council, Committees, and Finances  
Contact Pastor Susan, Tori Gosch, or Barb Wilson



### Breakfast Group

Our Breakfast Group is meeting on Tuesday morning at 8:00am at the Corner Cafe located at 796 Commerce Ave. Suite 103 in Longview. What a great opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship!



# Serving with Bethany continued...

## **Upcoming Youth Opportunities:**

- VBS planning May 11th at 4pm

## **Upcoming Education Opportunities:**

- Every Tuesday...Women of Bethany Bible Study at 10:30 am. All are welcome.  
Contact Kathy Newton.
- Bible Study on Ruth beginning in June

## **Upcoming Worship Opportunities:**

- Praise Team (Sunday mornings)
- Worship Ministries (Ushering, Reading, Communion assisting/setup, PowerPoint, etc.)



**Do you have your own idea for an exciting ministry God is putting on your heart?** Let us know! Event proposal forms are available in the office or on the bulletin board.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
APRIL	TOTAL
2	58
9	62
16	50
23	52
30	52
Avg	55

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
Special	TOTAL
Maundy Thursday	18
Good	30

## HELP WANTED

### Duct Tape Crew

The Duct Tape Crew meets on Thursday mornings at 9am and are the "fix it" crew at Bethany. This group of men and women repair, clean, install, mow and do many other things to keep our church beautiful and up and running. If you have ever used duct tape and like donuts, you are highly qualified.

### Communion Preparation People Needed

*We are needing some people to help on Sundays with communion preparation. It involves coming early to prepare the bread and the wine and bring it to the sanctuary before service and washing the communion cups after service. We appreciate your help with this important task.*

### Family Promise

Bethany Lutheran is seeking volunteers to be liaisons between our church and the Family Promise leaders. For now we will only be helping with meals, but we need people to organize and deliver them. If you would be interested in helping in this way, please contact a member of council.

### Kitchen Coordinator Needed

Bethany Lutheran church is in need of a person who would be willing to be in charge of the kitchen for the next year. Duties would include...

- Making sure we have clean towels.
- Contacting Duct Tape if something needs repair.
- Coordinating volunteers for regular kitchen cleaning.

If you are interested in helping in this way, please let a member of Hospitality know.

### Bethany Planning for the Future!

We still need more volunteers. Please pray about ways that you can help. It is also important to invite people. Thank you so much.

# April Council Minutes

## **Bethany Lutheran Church**

### **Council Meeting Agenda – April 13, 2023 5:30 pm – Faith Room**

**Present:** Phyllis Cavens, Beth Grambo, Pastor Dollinger, George Obermeyer, Joyce Croy, & Barb Clausen; **Absent:** Barb Wilson;

**Icebreaker/Devotions and Prayer** -Beth Grambo

**Call to Order and President's Report** –Barbara Clausen

Decisions made between Council Meetings: Easter advertisement

May 11 Devotions – Barb Clausen

**Secretary's Report** – Beth Grambo

Approve March 9 Minutes

**Treasurer's Report** – Barb Wilson

March Expense & Income Report-March 2023 budget expenses were

\$12,071.08 and exceeded March 2023 budget income of \$6,438 by \$5,633.08. The Church loan balance is \$33294.13 and the Designated Funds balance is 38,369.43. This may seem smaller as we discovered an error in how the Misc. account was tallying. Before the Misc funds balance included accounts that were accounted for individually. That has now been corrected. YTD offerings of \$35,868.42 fell short of YTD expenses of \$37,365. March 2022 YTD budget offerings were \$34,356.00 and expenses were \$32,117.84.

Note: the ending balance does not reflect March's Building Payment. The one you see is for February. Since we our payments are automatic now, we don't get receipts of a payment (including Principal and Interest until we get the bank statement, so the payment is recorded on the following month. Kim did however update the Red Canoe page with the payment, principal and interest.

Emergency Fund-Thank you, Bethany, for your generous second mile giving. Total collected was \$199.00. After the 20% was added to the Pastor Discretionary Fund, a check for \$159.20 will be mailed to ELCA Lutheran World Relief fund.

Update on Secretary of State & IRS-postponed

**Ministry Reports** –

Education: Bible Book of John (Zoom 11:15 Friday/ Sunday) April 14 & 16 – Pastor Susan

Learning about the ten commandments in confirmation and in Women's Bible Study

Stewardship/Fundraising – Barb Wilson Dinner Cinco de Mayo (May 12, Friday) Consider family rate. **It was moved and seconded to approve Cinco de Mayo date change with tickets sold in advance as a fund raiser.** Motion carried. (They must have 20 at \$17.00 to cover.)

Hospitality – Joyce Croy Hospitality Easter Brunch update

# Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Kitchen faucet purchase-new will be purchased and installed soon as hard to turn off;

Freezer light switch us fixed

Easter breakfast went very well with approximately 58 attending the brunch. Mothers' Day will be (as last year) potluck with Hospitality arranging but doing and coffee, tea etc.

Memorial- Joyce Croy

The hanging baskets are in place at the front door in memory of Karen Lee, and the Japanese maple tree will be planted soon (weather permitting.) A member donated the pot at the front door.

Worship & Music - Pastor Susan

Easter/Lent Update-had 20-25 in attendance at most services; Easter had 60 attending;

Desktop Sanctuary computer may be in failure mode—alert

Zoomies on Easter Computer in narthex where people can say hello. Will seek feedback

April 30 a blind African American singer will perform and give testimony for free will offering. A great time to invite your friends!

Small Seeds did a great job on Palm Sunday.

Youth/Service – Barb Clausen

FISH Setup-Monday, May 29 Distribution Tuesday, May 30

Small Seeds-Meeting April 2, May 2

Girl Scouts came in and sold cookies one of the days.

Service-produced over 40 Care bags to handout to homeless in Cowlitz County

Columbia Heights Earth Day-planting flowers with 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> graders on Tues., April 18<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30;

Lexington Mother's Day planting flower for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be Wednesday, May 3 at 2:00 in the school covered area;

Applying for Price Foundation for Food for Hungry Kids for Weekend Go bags

- Duct Tape Crew - Provided by Rick Loewen

Wind Damage Quote- Will work on portable ceiling tiles as time permits Alex Jessen will be starting to paint the outside west wall as soon as the weather breaks. The woodpecker nest holes are covered with aluminum.

We have the women's restroom wall repair almost done.

The lawnmower repair and oil change are done.

By Thursday night all the outside doors will have security devices. 3 have leather belts and 2 will have wire rope loops going to lag bolts. **Note** that, in case of a fire, if those security devices are hooked up by mistake or by maliciousness the breaker bars are useless in a panic.



## Council Meeting Minutes Continued

**Minister's Report** – Pastor Susan

### Outreach/Engagement-

KLMA challenges – created an ad with the affirming churches that ran on Sunday, April 02, and will run one more time before Easter. Lots of miscommunication with the ad but it was an important message to put out quickly due to background issues.

Kelso-Longview Chamber notice of Holy Week activities sent

### Life Balance-

Visits to members, memorial service, etc. very busy

Tough month. (Note- encourage pastor to take some time to make up for the many hours she has put in during Lent.)

### Other-

Talked to Katrina of Girl Scouts, and Mike of Boy Scouts to make sure everything was good for them here. They both said things were good at Bethany.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Women of Bethany-Memorial Reception with 65+ attending; Bible study had 17 earlier;

### Emergency Preparedness Training-Barb C

Ushers Training-all are trained and Active Shooter & Fire Drill completed  
Suggestion laminate for the pews that lists what people need to do?

Facility Use Policy Revision-Barb C **It was moved and seconded to approve the Facility Use changes at this second reading. Motion carried.**

Emergency Fund Revisions-Barb C & Pastor Susan The council discussed the challenges of getting checks to the schools in time for holidays and moved them to October & November and put Salvation Army at Christmas. Also, decided to keep the Chaplaincy as an alternate charity when needed. **It was moved and seconded to approve these changes as stated above. Motion carried.**

Congregational Input on Goal/Action Plan-Barb C It was decided to seek member input on goals on Mother's Day and collected after the brunch.

Critical Action Progress Report-Barb Wilson, Phyllis Cavens, Pastor Susan  
Draft to be presented on May 11th meeting.

### **New Business:**

Quarterly Meeting Agenda for Thursday, April 20 5:30-input given.

Annual Review of Staff and Job Descriptions-Pastor Susan Pastor and

Barb Clausen will work on a consistent contract for the positions with updated the job description.

## Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Annual Review of Pastor-Barb C (due April 23) Barb Clausen distributed the form to be completed by each council member and returned to her. She will combine all feedback & suggested goals and prepare for a meeting with Tori, Barb, and Pastor to get pastor's input and collaboratively draft goals for next year.

Financial Review Policy First Reading- Barb C Input was taken and moved to second reading.

Letter to Retirement Homes-Canterbury-Barb C It was modified and will be sent to Canterbury Park to start. For our outreach Action Plan, we are asking if they would like a monthly visit from pastor and members, a church service, communion, etc.

Hungry Kids Grants (Price Foundation)-Barb C Council agreed to continue to provide similar grants as possible.

Lions Recycling-George O. proposed we consider have a collection box near our recycling for members to place their paper products for recycling. The Lions get money for the paper to use on their service projects. **It was moved and seconded to approve the installation of a Lions box. Motion carried.** Note: The newsletter will define what acceptable items can be recycled.

**Staff Report** – Kim Moran no report

**Announcements, Adjournment, Prayer** – Barb Clausen

### **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

**Executive Committee – May 3, 2023 - 12:00 pm Zoom**

**Council – May 11, 2023 – 5:30pm Faith Room**

### Care Bags for the Homeless

Remember to pick up a care bag for the homeless. You can find them in the Narthex. These bags are filled with basic hygiene products, snacks and clothing items, designed to share God's love and provide comfort for those who are living on our streets. The bags also include a list of resources in our area.

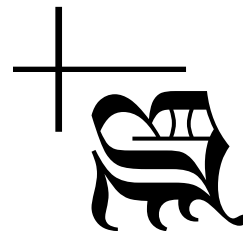
Offering to date (March)	
2022	2023
\$34,356.00	\$35,868.42
Expenses to date (March)	
2022	2023
\$32,117.84	\$37,365.58

*Newsletter articles must be submitted before the 20th of the month prior in order to be published.*

*While all efforts are made to keep original submissions, article submissions are subject to editing for accuracy, spelling, grammar and formatted to fit in the space allowed.*

## 2023 Bethany Lutheran Church Council Directory

Name/Position/Term
1. Joyce Croy (2024)
2. Barbara Clausen (President, 2024)
3. Barb Wilson (Treasurer)
4. Phyllis Cavens (2025)
5. George Obermeyer (2026)
6. Beth Grambo (Secretary, 2024)
7. Tori Gosch (Vice President, 2024)
8. P. Susan Dollinger (Pastor)



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